GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2626
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EXTENSION OF EXCISE DUTY EXEMPTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has recently extended the excise duty exemption to new industrial units in various States;

(b) If so, the details in this regard;

(c) Whether the Government also consider similar exemption for tribal and other backward districts of the country;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The criteria fixed for extending / providing such exemption?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): In case of excise duty exemption for Uttaranchal & Himachal Pradesh, the Government has extended the last date, for setting up of new units or for effecting substantial expansion of existing units and starting commercial production for being eligible for exemption, from 31.03.2007 to 31.03.2010.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government, at present, to extend similar exemption to other areas.

(e) Area based exemptions, except in case of Kutchh district of Gujarat, have been given as per New Industrial Policies announced by the Government for such areas.